

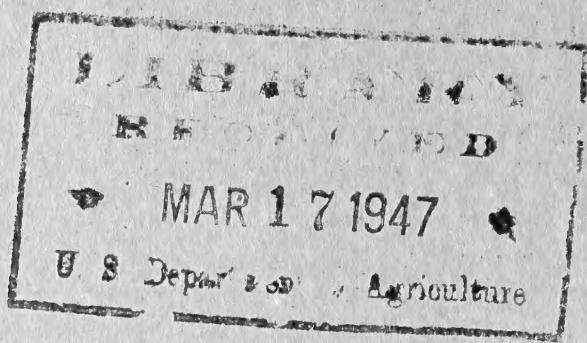
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# GLADIOLUS

## PRICE LIST

MISSION GARDENS  
TECHNY, ILL.

# Choose the Mission Gardens' Gladiolus to Beautify Your Garden

Another year has rolled around since we prepared our gladiolus list and we have had another season to observe and evaluate the different varieties we grow. We have eliminated a few varieties and supplied others that we think are somewhat better and more desirable.

We like to test out varieties in our own plantings, in fact we always do before offering them to our customers. In this way we are able to determine to our own satisfaction whether or not the variety is worthy of distribution.

We experienced a very dry season last year, but being equipped with a complete irrigating system, we were not handicapped in this respect, in fact we have harvested a very fine lot of bulbs which we will supply to our customers.

Any amateur can plant gladiolus bulbs and be reasonably sure of getting good results if a few simple precautions are followed. Complete cultural instructions will be furnished with each shipment of bulbs.

If you have never grown gladiolus, you will be amazed to see how they respond to good treatment by giving you fine bloom that will prove a source of delight throughout the flowering season.

Be liberal with your planting of glads so you can have continuous blooms in your garden throughout the summer and a supply of cut-flowers for your home. If you already have a collection, add some of the newer ones to see what improvements have been made in recent introductions. We are sure there will be surprises in store for you.

We have a most outstanding collection of Peonies, Iris and Hemerocallis and issue a special catalog covering them. A copy will be mailed to you in Spring. We have added many thousand plants in a wide variety of originations the past season and will have a collection second to none when we have completed our plan.

Look over our list and you will find many of the world's very best varieties.

Feel free to write us at any time for garden or planting information and we will be glad to help you with your problems.

Mission Gardens

Techny, Illinois

# Descriptive List of Gladiolus

(Abbreviations: L.—large; M.—Medium; S.—small; Bts.—bulblets)



**Aladdin** (Palmer) Bright salmon pink with cream blotch. Flowers are very large and 8 to 10 open at one time.

Per 10: M. 50c; S. 30c; Bts. 25 for 20c

**Algonquin** (Palmer) Midseason, bright scarlet commercial variety that is truly outstanding for the garden as well. Opens 8-10 large, wide open ruffled, needlepoint blooms on a tall straight stem. This is a sensational glad that is most appealing.

Per 10: L. \$1.00; M. 65c; S. 40c; Bts. 50 for 25c

**Athlone** (Palmer) An early, midseason, waxy light buff, somewhat paler than Duna in color. Blooms are round, curved and immaculately arranged in precise formal style. A very good grower and a most desirable addition to any gladiolus planting.

Each: L. 75c; M. 50c; S. 35c; Bts. 3 for 25c

**Avalon** (Marshall) Beautiful, bright rosy pink with cream throat. Long flower spike with 8 to 10 medium-large, nicely ruffled flowers open at one time.

Each: S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Badger Beauty** (Krueger) A beautiful lavender, with creamy white throat. Flower heads are about 20 inches in length and carry 17 buds, of which at least 5 open in the field. Does not flea or crook and is a promising cut-flower variety.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Beauty Clinic** (Wilson) Beautifully ruffled, wide open pink. A very good propagator and a winner on the show tables. Comes into bloom about 85 days after planting.

Each: L. 40c; M. 25c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 40c

**Belmar** (Lins) A pale, ruffled, fluted Picardy of creamy pink, with pale apricot throat, overlaid with a light deeper feather

Each: L. 20c; M. 10c; S. 5c; Bts. 25 for 40c

**Beltrami** (Lins) A deep rose mulberry, a color quite pleasing and unique. This variety grows up to 50 inches on strong willowy stems. Has a long flower head of from 18 to 20 buds with wavy florets 5 to 5½ inches.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Burgundy** (Scheer) Glowing, rich velvety crimson. This is a true red without a trace of orange or blue. Narrow pencil lines of cream in the throat greatly enhance its beauty. Heavily frilled and ruffled with florets well placed on a very long flower head. Straight spike. Strong, healthy grower.

Each: L. 65c; M. 50c; S. 35c; Bts. 10 for 65c

**Betty Nuthall** (Salb.) A very late glad that is liked by many due to the heavy tall spike that carries a very long flower head of coral orange florets

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c

**Bleeding Heart** (Brown) Pale pink, with a large red blotch. This glad is aptly named and is an attractive variety. Another one we have had in our planting for some time and which we retain

Per 10: L. 80c

**Blue Beauty** (Pfitzer) Medium blue. Slightly darker toward edges. Large blooms on long, tall spike. One of the good new blues.

Per 10: L. \$1.20; M. 90c; S. 50c; Bts. 50 for 40c

**Bride's Delight** (Wilson) Big, ruffled, cameo pink. Color wonderful and clear. Placement could be better, but florists greedily take it for the fine color. Tall with 28-inch flower head.

Each: L. 30c; M. 20c; S. 15c; Bts. 25 for 25c

**Bridesmaid** (Wheeler) Large, slightly ruffled flowers. Color pink, with cream throat making a very pleasing combination.

Each: L. 75c; Bts. 10 for 75c

**Camrose** (Twomey) A light pink, with a cream throat. Florets are well placed and many open.

Per 10: L. \$1.00; M. 75c; S. 50c

**Casablanca** (Majeski) Pure creamy white petals that are ruffled and graceful. Comes early on a long graceful spike. Not as large as Leading Lady, but taller in size.

Per 10: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 60c; Bts. 25 for 30c

**Cherry Jam** (Zimmer) This variety is very appropriately named since its deep salmon color, varying in intensity with its cherry blotch, gives the impression of its name source. Opens 6 to 8 florets of large size on long flower heads. Plant husky and of average height.

Each: L. 75c; M. 50c; S. 35c; Bts. 10 for 75c

**Corona** (Palmer) A fine creamy white, midseason variety, shading more creamy toward the throat, with a rose picotee edge on all petals. Opens 6 to 8 wide open blooms on a head of 16 to 18 buds. This is a most dependable and distinctively beautiful origination.

Per 10: L. \$1.00; M. 60c; S. 30c; Bts. 25 for 20c

**Criterion** (Krueger) A very ruffled, delicate light pink. The flower heads are 24 inches long, carrying 6 to 8, 5-inch florets open at one time from its total of 24 buds. Does not crook and is a late, mid-season variety

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 25 for 50c

**Delilah** (Scheer) A rich, deep, clear salmon blending into a light cream throat without markings. Spike is strong and straight. Plant strong and vigorous. Spikes should be opened indoors for best results as bright sun fades the bloom

Each: L. \$2.50; M. \$1.75; Bts. 10 for \$2.50

**Diane** (Krueger) A very consistent orange variety, with cream throat. Diane is a very late blooming variety that does not crook. Should have good cultivation and be well supplied with water in dry seasons to get the best length spike. Well worth extra attention.

Per 10: L. \$1; M. 75c; S. 40c; Bts. 10 for 15c

**Dream Castle** (Lins) The color is warm, light coral, blending to a lighter heart, with several light green dots deep in the flower which add to its beauty. The florets are nicely ruffled. A prize winner.

Each: L. 50c; M. 30c; S. 20c; Bts. 10 for 50c

**Dr. Hoeg** (Hoeg) A good dark red, with round florets. We have grown this for some time and like it.

Per 10: L. 75c; M. 40c; S. 20c

**Fiancée** (Lins) An enlarged version of that beautiful variety Sweetheart. It has a large conspicuous white throat blending to pale pink on the outer border of the petals. Flowers are large, up to 6 inches. Early, mid-season. Good propagator. Large decorative type.

Each: L. 25c; M. 20c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Flying Fortress** (Wilson) In the smoky class; perhaps more aptly described as a dove gray, blending toward a lavender, with small, attractive red blotch on the lower petal; 10 to 12 florets are open at one time, making a really startling effect. Blooms in about 90 days from planting. A consistent show winner and one of the best in this class.

Each: L. \$1.00; M. 75c; S. 50c; Bts. 10 for 80c

**Francis M. Irwin** (Wilson) Large, formal light rose in a different and enchanting shade. Possesses a new color that really attracts attention. Tall spike with 8 open flowers on a 21-bud flower head. Perhaps lavender rose would better describe the color. Blooms in about 90 days from planting

Each: L. 15c; M. 10c; S. 5c; Bts. 25 for 25c

**Gardenia** (Scheer) Light cream or milk white, with light golden throat. Petals are pleasingly waved, giving them a very artistic appearance. 4 to 6 open florets, with an equal number showing color. Strong, healthy grower with good, stiff stems.

Per 10: L. 90c; M. 60c; S. 40c; Bts. 25 for 20c

**Genghis Khan** (Scheer) A striking, deeply ruffled, large light pink. The florets are wide open; well faced and spaced. Substance heavy and deeply ruffled as to be actually corrugated and slightly lacinated. Spike straight and strong, 45 to 50 inches. Blooms 75 to 80 days from planting. Good foliage and producer of bubbles.

Each: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 75c; Bts. Each 15c

**Gold Dust** (Wheeler) This is one of our finest yellows. It blooms early and has many florets open at one time.

Per 10: L. 60c; M. 40c; S. 20c

**Grace Estella** (Youman) One of the most beautiful glads grown. A salmon pink with cream throat. Good straight spike with many florets open.

Each: L. \$1.00; M. 75c; S. 40c; Bts. 10 for \$1.00

**Gracie Allen** (Wilson) Clear, deep, red scarlet self. Formal type. Perfect double row placement. This is a recent introduction and a very good one. A fine show glad as well as a florists' favorite.

Each: L. \$1.00; M. 75c; S. 50c; Bts. 10 for \$1.00

**Greta Garbo** (Pfitzer) Lovely soft color of very light rose-pink, with lower lip showing cream. 6 to 7 wide open florets open at one time. This is a fine variety that is very popular with the florists' trade.

Per 10: L. \$1.20; M. 80c; S. 40c; Bts. 25 for 35c

**Halloween** (Lins) Color is a pure, unflecked deep orange blending to a red throat. It comes into blooming very early and for that reason is very much in demand by florists. With extra care can be grown to a large size. Average blooms 5 inches and larger. Flower has good substance.

Per 10: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 60c; Bts. 10 for 15c

**Heartstring** (Wilson) Large, light rose pink, with pink throat. All very clear colors. 5½-inch florets, open with 18 buds on a 65-inch stem. This color is very desirable.

Each: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 50c; Bts. each 15c

**High Finance** (Wilson) Light orange gray, with cream throat. Nicely ruffled. One of the very best show "smokies." Good performer and propagator.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 8c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Intruder** (Graff) Here is a good sterling red that is going places. Opens up to 8 giant florets at one time. An early bloomer and stands the heat well.

Each: L. \$3; M. \$2; S. \$1; Bts. each 30c

**Jeanie** (Pruitt) Mid-season, clear cut, medium pure pink with a golden throat. Is a good grower and desirable.

Per 10: L. \$1.20; M. 80c; S. 40c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Kenwood** (Lins) An absolute monotone pure red. Plants are very tall and a vigorous grower. A good commercial and a nice addition to our red class.

Each: L. 25c; M. 20c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**King Click** (Wilson) A mammoth super-red that has a most enviable reputation. Takes about 90 days to bloom from planting of bulbs. A most consistent show winner for the past three years, with many blue ribbon awards. A recent introduction of much merit.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 100 for \$1.00

**Lavalier** (Wilson) Ruffled, rich light pink, with a creamy pink and a small lavender line on lip. Blooms 80 days after planting. 5½-inch florets, 7 open, 19 buds on a five-foot stem.

Each: L. \$2.10; S. 90c; Bts. each 20c

**Lake Placid** (Wilson) A hooded butterfly cream, almost white, with creamy yellow throat. Florets large, up to 6 inches, and 8 blooms open with 19 buds on 27-inch flower head. Very good propagator and a consistent winner at shows. This should prove a splendid commercial variety. Blooms in about 90 days from planting.

Each: L. \$1.30; M. 90c; S. 50c; Bts. 15 for \$1.00

**Lavender and Gold** (Baerman) An early decorative type. Fresh, clean, bright lavender, blending to a clear yellow throat. Opens 5, 4-inch blooms on a tall slender stem. Blooms are gracefully arranged with plenty of space between them. While not as large as some, it is very beautiful and much admired in our planting.

Each: L. 25c; M. 20c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Leading Lady** (Johnston) Here is an outstanding gladiolus that has been a sensation wherever shown. A sport of Picardy, and has been a consistent winner at shows all over the country. Creamy white in color and a breathtaker. You will want this one.

Each: L. 40c; M. 25c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 40c

**Legend** (Fischer) Mid-season, tall, fine pink. Produces fine bloom from small bulbs. A light, delicate pink that is much admired.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Maid of Orleans** (Pfitzer) A standard commercial fine white that is extensively grown for the cut flower market. A lovely white that will afford you much pleasure and satisfaction.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c; Bts. 100 for 25c

**Margaret Fulton** (Ogrod) A clear coral pink. Do not confuse this variety with Margaret Beaton, having a somewhat similar name.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c; Bts. 100 for 25c

**Mandaleen** (Lins) A shimmering light pink, blending to creamy white throat with a touch of yellow. The straight, well balanced stalks are long and rangy. Good substance and fine texture.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Margaret Beaton** (Twomey) One of the most popular varieties and a fine glad. Pure white, with a small scarlet blotch in the throat. Long flower heads with perfect placement and 6 to 8 open.

Per 10: L. \$1.00; Bts. 25 for 20c

**Marion Pearl** (Benedict) Clear, light pinkish salmon, with lighter throat. Opens 6 to 9 large blooms, with long flower head. A very beautiful variety and one of the best.

Each: L. 75c; M. 50c; S. 25c; Bts. 10 for 60c

**Marqueeta** (Lins) A ruffled beauty of light orange blending to a lighter throat, with small orange red mark. Plants 50 to 55 inches tall. Has a good long flower head opening up to 5 or 6 florets in the field. One of the very best of cut flowers.

Each: L. 25c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Marseillaise** (Scheer) Deep, glowing, crimson-scarlet, with narrow cream lines on throat petals. Florets are large; up to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches, well placed and spaced on long flower head up to 25 buds. Spike tall, stiff and strong. Season late, from 95 to 105 days. Strong grower and a good producer of bulblets

Each: L. 25c; M. 20c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Mellowglow** (Lins) A lovely, pastel creamy buff and one of the finest florists' flowers. The medium height plants produce a good flower head holding 7 to 8 open florets.

Per 10: L. \$1.25; M. 80c; S. 50c; Bts. 100 for 75c

**Melrose** (Lins) American Beauty deep rose, blending deeper on lower petals. Heavily ruffled 5-inch flowers and as many as 8 open at one time. A florists' favorite due to the lovely color, which is very pleasing and satisfying.

Each: L. 30c; M. 20c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 30c

**Mercury** (Lins) A beautiful clear scarlet. Makes a fine spike and is a dependable grower.

Each: L. 30c; M. 20c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 30c

**Minnewashta** (Lins) Orange florets, with heavy substance. A good propagator and a reliable performer. Late variety, with a good flower head.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c; Bts. 100 for 75c

**Mystery** (Stinson) Large, formal, mid-season variety; a beautiful, lively shade of pure pink, with small blotches of bright rose. Opens 7 to 9 florets, with several more showing color. Blooms are somewhat ruffled, well placed and have fine substance. This variety rates high.

Each: L. \$1.50

**Ohio Nonpariel** (Wilson) A big scarlet red receiving many awards at gladiolus shows throughout the country. 7-inch flowers on a 32-inch flower head. Grows to a height of 6 feet. Very good germinator. Blooms 90 days after planting.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 50 for 50c

**Ophir** (Baerman) Large, decorative light yellow, with red markings in the throat. Heavily ruffled with 5 to 6 blooms open on a good flower head.

Each: L. 35c; M. 25c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 35c

**Oregon Gold** (Majeski) A medium-sized light yellow, with deeper yellow throat. Very popular with the florists. Grows quite tall, with long flower head, and produces well under adverse conditions. Late, mid-season

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Phoebe** (Scheer) Color a bright, medium pink, with 10 to 12 florets open and 6 to 7 showing color. Florets up to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Heavy, straight and tall plant up to 65 inches.

Each: L. \$1.25; M. 85c; S. 50c; Bts. 5 for 50c

**Picardy** (Palmer) The well-known, large salmon pink. A standard of perfection by which so many other varieties are judged.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 50c; S. 30c; Bts. 100 for 40c

**Purple Supreme** (Wilson) One of the finest purples we have ever grown. A consistent winner at shows. Strong, straight stems, very tall, with a very long flower head. As many as 8 flowers open at one time. Very lovely and much admired in our planting.

Each: L. 25c; M. 15c; S. 8c; Bts. 10 for 20c

**Queen of Bremen** (Zimmer) A soft, amaranth pink that we have grown for some time. Especially desirable because of its earliness.

Per 10: L. 60c; M. 40c; S. 20c

**Rio Rita** (Lins) A large ruffled orange that is much sought after. Blooms in about 90 to 95 days after planting. One of the best of recent originations.

Each: L. 25c; M. 20c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Rose O'Day** (Fischer) A most unusual shade of rose lavender. Opens 8 to 10 florets about 5½ inches wide. Spikes straight and tall with very long flower head. Rose O'Day is distinct in color; massive in size and robust in growth.

Each: L. \$1; M. 75c; S. 50c; Bts. 10 for \$1

**Rose Defiant** (Wilson) A self of beautiful dark, old rose. Has good substance and is heavily ruffled and frilled. Good performer and ranks with the best. Very attractive and desirable.

Each: L. 60c; M. 40c; S. 25c; Bts. 10 for 60c

**Schwaben Girl** (Pfitzer) A large, soft pink. We have grown this variety for some time and think very highly of it. The color is so pleasing and satisfying.

Per 10: L. 80c

**Silver Banquet** (Wilson) Extra large, silvery frosted orange. A good propagator, with excellent growing habits.

Each: L. 25c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 10 for 25c

**Silver Wings** (Ritzema Bros.) First known as Seedling 39. This is a creamy white sport of Picardy and a very good one. Whiter and more heavily ruffled than Leading Lady. Stems medium heavy and do not crook. Spikes under normal growing conditions from 62 to 65 inches Florets measure 6½ inches across, and the flower head averages 28 inches in length. If you want the very best, order Silver Wings.

Each: L. \$3; M. \$2; S. \$1.50; Bts. each 40c

**Southern Drama** (Wilson) A large vivid scarlet. A tall variety, with long flower head and extremely large florets. Strong grower and a good propagator. We like this one and feel sure you will too.

Each: L. 30c; M. 20c; S. 15c; Bts. 10 for 30c

**Stoplight** (Lins) A very fine commercial red that is much in demand. Produces long spikes and the intense ruffled florets are perfectly placed and attached. Good substance and excellent resistance to heat.

Per 10: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 50c; Bts. 25 for 35c

**Style Plus** (Wilson) A beautiful light salmon, with cream throat. It is an extremely ruffled, pastel beauty, with dainty placement of florets. A most delightful novelty. Strong stiff stems. 85 days.

Each: L. \$1.00; M. 75c; S. 50c; Bts. 10 for 75c

**Susquehanna** (Herridge) A mid-season variety of clear, peach buff, with creamy throat. A clear, bright, unusual color that is admired by all. Opens 6 to 8, 4½-5-inch blooms on a good, long flower head. Stems straight and grow to 4 feet and over in height. A florists' favorite.

Each: L. 25c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 15 for 25c

**Techny Chimes** (Mission Gardens) A good lavender-pink, with a feathered blotch in throat. Tall, straight stems. Blooms late. A very desirable variety for floral work.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c

**Variation** (Krueger) A light pink of medium size that blooms early in the season. Open 5 to 10 florets on tall spikes. A very satisfactory cut flower in good demand.

Per 10: L. \$1.40; M. \$1; S. 50c; Bts. 10 for 15c

**Vee Cream** (Van Voorhis) A rich deep cream with a bright scarlet blotch in the throat. An attractive novelty when grown well.

Each: L. 15c; M. 10c; S. 5c; Bts. 20 for 25c

**Victory Queen** (Wilson) Rich salmon orange, with deep cream throat. The only markings are a couple of small red dots at the bottom of throat. Beautifully ruffled, wide open 5½-inch florets and over. Eight open at one time on a long flower head. This variety grows to a height of 60 inches. A really outstanding acquisition; should be in every fine gladiolus collection or planting. Considered one of Wilson's finest originations. 90 days.

Each: L. \$1.50; M. \$1.00; S. 60c; Bts. 10 for \$1.00

**Vredenberg** (Pfitzer) An excellent pure white, with fine form and placement. While not a recent origination, it stands well as a desirable glad.

Per 10: L. 80c; M. 60c; S. 40c

**White Gold** (Scheer) A rich cream blending into a light golden throat, with no markings. Florets are heavy, exceptionally broad and slightly ruffled. Placement excellent. 5 to 7 florets open at one time with an equal number showing color. A tall variety, with extremely large flowers up to 7½ inches. Don't pass this one up.

Each: L. 20c; M. 15c; S. 10c; Bts. 25 for 50c

## MIXED GLADIOLUS BULBS

**FANCY MIXTURE.** This mixture is made up of a number of choice varieties and will provide you with many fine outstanding cutting blooms for your home in a wide variety of choice colors.

50 large bulbs \$3.50

100 large bulbs 6.00

**MISSION MIXTURE.** Made up of good standard varieties of all colors. This mixture will also be found very satisfactory.

50 large bulbs \$2.75

100 large bulbs 5.00

Above mixtures not prepaid.

MISSION GARDENS, TECHNY, ILL.

# Gladiolus Cultural Instructions



**WHEN BULBS ARE RECEIVED** — Open package at once to admit air. If packages are large, transfer bulbs to shallow boxes or trays. Store in a cool dry place, away from frost, until ready for planting.

**WHEN TO PLANT.** Make first planting in early Spring as soon as ground is warm. Here in the Chicago area about April 15th is safe. Additional plantings may be made until latter part of June.

**WHERE TO PLANT.** Any good sunny location away from trees or heavy shrubbery. If flowers are to be used for cutting, plant in rows in the vegetable garden for easy cultivation.

**KIND OF SOIL.** Gladiolus are not particular as to kind of soil if it is well drained. Any soil that will grow good vegetables will grow specimen glads.

**DISTANCE APART.** If planting in beds, space bulbs about six inches apart. If planting in rows, space rows eighteen to twenty inches apart and bulbs about four inches apart in the rows. If show spikes are wanted, space six to seven inches apart in the rows.

**DEPTH TO PLANT.** Plant bulbs from three to six inches deep. Sandy soil requires deeper planting than clay soil. Small bulbs and bulblets should not be planted over three inches deep.

**CULTIVATING.** Gladiolus should be cultivated frequently to keep the surface of the soil loose and to prevent weeds from growing. Do not cultivate deep — rather cultivate often and shallow — about an inch is sufficient.

**FERTILIZING.** For good specimen blooms glads should be fertilized. Use a complete fertilizer such as Vigoro and follow directions on the package. Apply at about 2-week intervals from the time the plants come up until first flowers begin to open.

**WATERING.** The amount of water required for glads depends upon the type of soil in which they are growing. Sandy soils require more, clay or heavy soils less watering. If soil has good drainage, water generously from the time the spikes begin to form until flowers are cut. Do not sprinkle but **soak** thoroughly when you do water. Once a week is usually sufficient, but if soil is quite sandy, about every 5 days is not too often.

**CUTTING.** Gladiolus are among the finest cut flowers grown. They open well in water and last long after being cut. Cut when the first flower opens. Leave at least four leaves on the plant to mature the bulb for next season's crop. This can easily be done by cutting down between the leaves and stem and turning the knife sharply to completely sever the stem.

**DIGGING AND STORING.** Dig bulbs in fall before danger of heavy frost. Cut tops off close to the bulb and store bulbs in shallow boxes or trays in a dry airy place for 3 or 4 weeks, where they will not freeze. When dry the old bulb and roots should be removed. Do not peel the husks off the bulbs at this time as they will act as a protection to the bulb during storage.

If the bulbs are thoroughly dry, they should be placed in shallow trays or boxes in a cool, dry place until spring. Screened boxes would be preferable as they will admit free circulation of air.

**Mission Gardens, Techny, Ill.**

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## **Gladiolus**

## Peonies

Iris

## Hemerocallis

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## TECHNY, ILLINOIS

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## **When to send**



## TERMS

(Please read carefully before ordering so there will be no misunderstanding later)

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Check or money order should accompany your order.

**C.O.D. Orders.** — Please do not ask us to send C.O.D. orders for less than \$5. Larger orders will be shipped C.O.D. where a remittance of 25 percent accompanies the order.

No order accepted for less than \$2.

**SHIPPING.** All orders will be shipped prepaid except where noted.

**DISCOUNT.** On cash orders from \$3 to \$10 you may select an additional 10 percent of your order in bulbs of your own choosing. On orders from \$10 to \$25, 15 percent. From \$25 to \$50 and up, 20 percent.

## GUARANTEE

We guarantee all stock true to name, free from insect pests and disease. Will replace stock or refund purchase price on any bulbs or bulblets purchased from us that do not meet the above guarantee, but in no case will we be liable for more than the purchase price paid for the stock. We cannot guarantee bulblets to germinate, nor can we guarantee the quantity or quality of the bulbs you harvest, due to conditions beyond our control.

## SIZE OF BULBS

**LARGE BULBS** are  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter or more, and will give the largest blooms.

**MEDIUM BULBS** are  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter. These bloom excellently, often as well as large, but come somewhat later.

**SMALL BULBS** average  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter and usually bloom, but with smaller spikes. With sufficient moisture and proper cultivation, these small bulbs will not fail to give bloom.

## SUBSTITUTION

Due to shortage of many varieties, it may be necessary to make substitution. However, we do not do this unless we are so instructed by our customers. Very often we are able to substitute with a very similar variety, both as to color and price. If substitutions are allowed, kindly indicate your preference. This will save unnecessary delay and correspondence.

